

CORRECTION CONNECTION

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Director's Note



As we find ourselves in the first full year of the Huntsman administration, this division finds itself in transition.

Our previous Director, Blake Chard, left the division to accept a challenging appointment in the State of Washington. After serving as his Deputy, I assumed the post of Director.

The Department of Human Services, of which we are a division, also gained a new Executive Director, Lisa-Michele Church, who has set several challenges for us as a division. With these initiatives in mind, we begin a new strategic plan for the future. Our aim is to continually improve our services in behalf of the citizens of Utah by focusing our attention on goal setting in 24-month increments. To accomplish this, we rely on the leadership of our Governor, our Department Director, and our Board, chaired by Jody Valantine of St. George.

This Effort could not happen without the hard work of our terrific staff. I am honored to be a part of this great division.

Sincerely,
Dan Maldonado
Director

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Celebrating Volunteers

Lisa Schauerhamer
Community Relations

THANKS.....

Spring and summer are a time of THANKS. Juvenile Justice Services has been showing appreciation to the numerous volunteers who serve our youth.

SALT LAKE O & A

In February 2005 Salt Lake Observation and Assessment had an Academy Awards night with Stars both in decoration and guests. The kids decorated and performed poems and dances they had created. The volunteers of the year were Birgitta Wood, Jim Pritch, Richard Green and Ester Hull. It was great food and fun for all who attended. Thanks to Jaime Santistevan and Audrey George, volunteer coordinators.

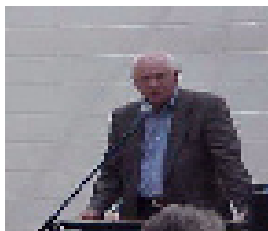
SOUTHERN REGION

On April 6th 2005 the Southern Area met for their Annual Volunteer Banquet. "Our theme was Magical Moments. We recognize that because of the Wonderful Volunteers that we have, many magical moments are created for our youth because of the great work that the volunteers do" Plaques were given to Grant Richards, Hal Miller, Family Literacy Inc., Tamara Fackrell, Sensuous Sandwich, Pepsi, and LDS Young Women Group.

Angels were given to Serge Felix, Ashley Moore, Rob Holmes, BYUSA Group, Evangelical Church, Suzie Cook, Alison Craig, Stuart Parker, and Kristin Pratt. Alton Beck and Dorothy Carasco received 10+ year service awards. Approximately 150 people were in attendance. Great food and entertainment were enjoyed by all. Many of the administrators were there to support the volunteer program. "Our volunteers are amazing in the service they perform for the youth in our care, it was great to be able to say thank you," says Linda Campbell-Southern Region Volunteer Coordinator. Thanks to Linda and her many dedicated volunteer coordinators.

SALT LAKE VALLEY DETENTION

On April 27th 2005 Salt Lake Valley Detention held their Annual Volunteer Banquet. Russ Van Vleet was the guest speaker. He gave an overview of Juvenile Justice



Russ VanVleet



for the state of Utah, and how we are a model for the nation.

Harry Renfro, Training coordinator presented the volunteer of the year award to John Herndon. John is a recovering alcoholic/addict that runs groups with the kids based on his experiences".



Salt Lake Valley Detention's theme was 'You Are A Star.' "The residents made each volunteer a tile magnet with a star on it to fit our theme, says Lonny Burton, Volunteer Coordinator, To be a star you must shine your own light. Follow your own path and don't worry about the darkness for that is when the stars shine the brightest." (Theme Poem written by Tori Hoggard, Counselor). Thanks to Lonny Burton, Volunteer Coordinator and her great staff.

**NEED A
VOLUNTEER?**

**HAVE
NEWS?**

**WANT TO
BRAG
ABOUT
YOUR
STAFF?**

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Presidents Daily Point Award Honors one of Ours

Linda Campbell
Volunteer Coordinator

The Daily Point of Light Award honors individuals and groups of volunteers that are committed to meet critical needs in their communities. Each weekday, one volunteer or group effort in the country receives a Daily Point of Light Award.

WHAT AN HONOR....

Congrats to Alison Craig of Springville, Utah. She was honored June 20, 2005 Here is her nomination.

"Most of us look forward to our Sunday afternoons to recuperate from the week while taking our Sunday naps. Not the 'Reading Lady'! Alison Craig finds herself at the Observation and Assessment (O&A) Unit of Utah's Juvenile Justice Services in Springville, Utah with her "kids," encouraging them to read and write.

About five years ago, Alison, and her daughter, volunteered to do a book drive that would start a library at the O&A Unit. Alison, along with her daughter had a very successful book drive, collecting over 900 books. When Alison brought in the books, she was so excited by the teens' reactions to the books that she wanted to continue volunteering. For the past three years, Alison has been a weekly volunteer at O&A. The staff at the O&A center state, "Alison is one of the few volunteers that

come regularly each week with a smile, and when she can't make it, she actually gets a substitute."

"Alison shows up every Sunday to spend several hours with the youth she calls her friends. She spends 10-12 hours on a monthly basis in the center, and she spends time each week finding books to use for the Sunday activity and for the kids to read during the week. Her weekly visits include a fun activity that involves reading and writing, and she writes a personal note to each of the youth every week and encourages them to write back to her. One Sunday will be Dr. Seuss Day, with each of the teens choosing a Dr. Seuss book for the group to read aloud together.



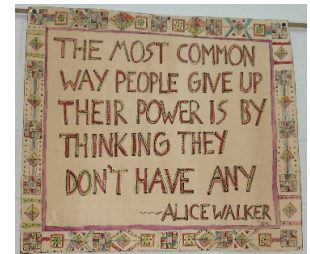
Another day the kids will learn about Braille, the writing system for the blind. After reading aloud a picture book biography of Louis Braille, the youth will try writing in Braille. Still another day will be poetry day where the kids choose a poem to read aloud and each teen will be encouraged to write a poem."

To read more about Alison Craig and the Presidents Daily Point Award go to www.pointsoflight.org/awards. Look up Daily Point Award.



Black History Month

Lonny Burton
Volunteer Coordinator



"For Black History Month Salt Lake Valley Detention had their residents research some famous and inspirational quotes by prominent Black Americans. The residents painted the quotes on canvas' that were displayed in the hallways. SLVDT has a very artistic staff member, Tory Hoggard that oversaw the project. It was educational for the kids and it also allowed them to express their creativity."



**You're Either
Part of the
Solution or
Part of the
Problem**

Eldridge Cleaver

Impressions

Lisa Schauerhamer
Community Relations



Lisa-Michele Church is proud to be associated with Juvenile Justice Services. Church has been the Executive Director of the Department of Human Services for almost a year. Church started out attending various meetings and parole hearings with JJS. "The highlight of my visits was to attend the high school graduations," says Church. Church goes on to say, "It was a positive experience; it was a great place to start. There was a positive feeling at the graduations - it was a concrete way to see the impact that Juvenile Justice programs have on youth."

Dorie Farah says of her visit with Lisa-Michele, "I have had the opportunity to meet with Lisa-Michele Church a couple of times now. On her first visit to Mill Creek Youth Center, I was impressed with her question about the facility, which indicated she has a good understanding of the needs of the youth in secure confinement. On her second visit, Ms. Church took time from her busy schedule to attend our resident's high school graduation. My impressions lead me to conclude that our Department is in good hands."

Randy Gangwer of Paramount says, "I was impressed with Lisa-Michele's knowledge

of our system. She was very personable, and I felt she was truly interested in our program and the Division as a whole. I greatly appreciated her allowing me to speak freely on how and what I feel and have felt about our system. I think the thing that impressed me the most was her follow-up e-mail thanking me for taking the time to talk with her."

Some of the places that Church visited early on were

to have been interested in what we do. She did make a comment that she would like to come back when she had more time to speak with the girls and get their input. She seems willing to look at what the needs of the division are and find ways to support us," "Even in early intervention, we can have such an impact on the youth." Church says, "I want to look at the Hispanic population first and then the

Then she took the time to speak with other staff who were working that day and ask them questions about their job and what they were doing. I also found Lisa-Michele Church to be very open to discussion, she was down to earth when speaking with myself and other staff here at the O&A center. I believe that she is genuine and sincere about what JJS is doing and our future vision."

Church says, "Another challenge that I see is working with the courts better. I was on the nominating committee for the judges in another life and have a good working relationship with most of the judges. I would like to see more communication between the Judges and JJS."

Jackie Southwick of Weber Valley says, "I really enjoyed my visit with Lisa-Michele. She was personable and easy to talk to. It was a wonderful gesture to come out in the trenches and see what we are doing. It means a lot to staff too. I was really impressed with her questions and willingness to talk about tough issues. I think she is on the right track and I am looking forward to her leadership,"

"I like the Challenges of my new position." Church reports, "I have enjoyed my experiences with JJS so far and again am impressed with the staff and programs. I am proud to be associated with JJS and its staff."



**Decker Lake Visit/ on August 4, 2005
Pictured from Left to Right : Curtis Preece,
Governor's Aid, Governor Huntsman,
David Loden, Lisa-Michele Church, & Dan
Maldonado**

Wasatch Youth Center, Salt Lake and Ogden Observation and Assessment, Mill Creek, Weber Valley, Paramount and Decker Lake. "Some of the focuses I would like to follow with JJS are in the areas of Female Specific youth offenders and how we serve minority populations," says Church.

Debbie Rocha of SL Female O&A says, "My visit with Lisa-Michele was brief. Her visit to our program was the last of many that she had done and she seemed

Polynesian and what we have for them."

Says Mike Shaw from Ogden O&A, "I was impressed that Lisa-Michele Church took the time to come up to Ogden to visit our program, because I am aware that she has a very busy schedule. I knew that she was visiting other facilities the same day, but she was very interested in this program. As we toured the facility she did not rush through our program, she spent time asking questions about our program and me.

Crochet Alive & Well in JJS

Ernest Akimseu & Thelma Patton
Decker Lake Youth Center

"The Crochet group at Decker Lake is alive and well. They have switched donation sites for their blankets. They are going to be donating to the Ability Bank. This is people with disabilities - most of whom are in wheelchairs, says Thelma, "Our little blankets would be just right for them." She had 14 blankets

on hand this spring and Suzane Kimball of the Ability Bank picked them up. Suzane mentioned that her husband Alan Kimball also works with people with disabilities. They were having a 5K race and wanted some prizes. So the blankets were given for a drawing at the 5K. What a great service.

Speaking of crochet Thelma has started an epidemic.....**Observation and Assessment in Salt Lake** has Birgitta Wood on Tuesdays working an hour with the boys and an hour with the girls making hats and scarves for the Cross Roads Urban Center's Thanksgiving and Christmas food give aways. They work all

year to provide hats and scarves to be handed out while people wait in line for food boxes.

Genesis has LDS volunteers helping them through a grant at the Humanitarian Center. The youths make hats and scarves for the Men's homeless shelter. The kids delivered 400 of each.



Breaking New Ground

Natalie Perez
Mill Creek Youth Center



Something many world leaders have been unable to accomplish occurred Saturday, May 28, 2005 at Mill Creek Youth Center. Representatives from different religious organizations, races and age groups came together peacefully to accomplish a common goal; breaking

ground on what will be "Mill Creek's new religious sanctuary. The story began nearly fourteen years ago when John Della Ratta, religious volunteer brought religious services to the northern area secure facilities. Because facilities were not built with places of worship in mind, services have been held anywhere from classrooms to meeting rooms. In the last two years the need for a chapel at Mill Creek, has been pushed to the congregations. The first goal of this committee was

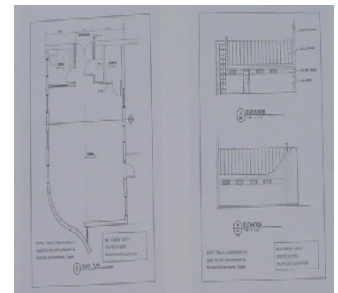
to obtain funding, one hundred percent of the \$142,000 budget was supplied by charitable donations. The most significant of which (\$92,000) came from an endowment set up by the late Tamara Arceneau worthy

causes.

The remaining \$50,000 was provided by local religious denominations and businesses. A great deal of the materials that will be used were also donated. While area contractors will be supervising the construction much of the labor will be done by volunteers. In addition, many of the Mill Creek residents will be given the opportunity to participate in the work. In this way they can take ownership in the project that is meant to benefit current residents and others for years to come.

Committee member Brad Orton, who has a background in contracting, enlisted the help of Brett Richards who created the plans that will be used

in the proposed nine-month project. Tragically, Mr. Richards will never see his plans come to fruition as he was killed during a robbery while in Guatemala. The Chapel will stand as a testament to his vision and memory.



In Memoriam



Jenifer Baldwin

Jenifer and her husband Kyle passed away July 2, 2005 from injuries sustained in an auto accident.

Jenifer started working at Genesis in 2003 as a tech II. She worked in the control room and assisted with transports and intakes of new residents.

Jen loved her cat Sunny who was rescued at Genesis. Her favorite holiday was Halloween. Her favorite color was orange.

"Her personality was contagious, her laugh infectious, and her zest for life enormous." *Randy*

"The first time I met Jen in her interview because of her ability to laugh at herself I knew that she would fit right in. It was a pleasure working with Jen. She was always happy and smiling. She always made everyone feel welcome and comfortable. I depended on her. I called her Miss Jen. It just seemed to fit. She was always happy and it was contagious. You couldn't help but laugh and smile when Jen was close by. She made sure of it. Jen has inspired me to live life as through the

eyes of a child, laughing, playful, optimistic and loving." *Jill*

"She was such a beautiful woman with a very exquisite soul. We shared the very best of life." *Adrienne*

"I will always picture her laughing in her HUNTERS ORANGE jacket." *Shelly*

"We had our own way of making work fun. She had a way of cheering me up no matter how sad, angry, or frustrated I was. She will live on through all of our wonderful memories of her." *Amy*

"The first time I met her she gave me a big smile and told me she was happy to meet me, it made me feel very welcome. She always had a smile on her face and either a book or Pepsi in her hand." *Bita*

"It was always a pleasure to see her at work. Her laugh, her smile and her love for reading was an inspiration. I got her hooked on Toll House Brownies. She was always positive and hopeful. No matter what she was going through, she would always make good out of it." *Kim*

"Jen will be greatly missed, but never forgotten. She demonstrated to me her love, compassion and strive to set goals and accomplish them no matter what the circumstances." *Jessica*

The Division through the state office sent flowers to the family. Genesis has prepared some beautiful letters as well.

Thanks to Jill Colvin from Genesis for helping gather the information for this tribute.



Keith Smith

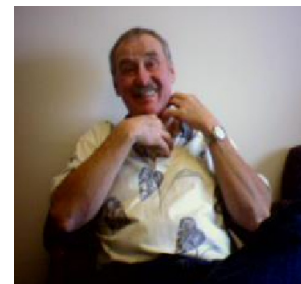
"Keith Smith finished his last round September 6, 2005.

Keith started at Salt Lake Valley Detention in February 1997. He was a respectory of people. It didn't matter if you were family, coworker, inmate, or at-risk youth. You were treated with respect. He also had a great sense of humor."

"Keith Smith will be missed. It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Keith. As the director of the Salt Lake Valley Detention Facility, Keith treated all he came in contact with as if they

were his best friends. We learned compassion and care from Keith. He demanded that staff, and especially the youth in his care, be treated with dignity. Mr. Smith's standard of care for clients was unprecedented. His daily presence will be sorely missed and his passing leaves a huge void for all that knew him. We wish the best for his loving wife, children and grandchildren. We also morn the loss of a great director, a noble man, and a true friend."

The Staff of Salt Lake Valley Detention Facility. Thanks to Lonny Burton and Wilton Lolofie for information on Keith.





GeNeal Sparks

GeNeal passed away peacefully after a sudden illness on August 19, 2005. While on a family vacation, with her husband by her side. "GeNeal was a registered Nurse with IHC and worked for the Division for the last 20 years. She worked most of that time at the Weber Valley Detention Center, but had helped out at other facilities when there was a need. She spent time at Mill Creek, Observation and Assessment, and Archway."

"The Weber Valley Detention Family misses our morning 'Hellooooooooo!!' from 'General' Sparks R.N., coworker, friend and warm fuzzy to us all. She took care of everyone around her and always asked how things were going. GeNeal sang to us as we had our flu shots so they wouldn't hurt so much. She made us laugh quite often. You haven't seen funny until you've heard a 58 year old granny say, 'that sucks' She also knew more about the kid's slang than most adults and some of the kids. Her family tells a story of her

interpreting for them on occasion. GeNeal had the unusual talent of telling the kids blatantly what they needed to hear about their health and lifestyle, but at the same time, being gentle and letting them know and making them feel that she cared about them."

"Her husband and daughter shared, in a visit with them, that often youth she had treated in the facility would come up to her in stores and let her know how they were doing. GeNeal always spent time with them and encouraged them, even if she was in a hurry. Sometimes, she would share with us at lunch when she met these youth and she was sincerely happy to find out that they were doing well and had made changes in their life." "Family was very important to GeNeal. She spoke about them often. She took up golf the summer before she died. She loved going with her husband and got her first birdie two weeks before she passed away."

Thanks to the staff at Weber Valley for their tributes.



Mike Huston passed away Christmas Morning 2005 from lung cancer. "Mike loved books and people; he was a voracious reader and connected with people everywhere he



Michael D. Huston

went. After retiring as a truck driver he devoted much of his time as a volunteer to establishing and maintaining a library for the residents at the Salt Lake Valley Detention Center. Recently named the Michael Huston Library Center in his honor, the library now has more than 8,000 books."

"Mike was also willing to share what he had with other facilities in the division. Many facilities house books that Mike freely shared. He was also known for his wonderful book marks that he gave out with every book."

"You were an inspiration to us all here at the Detention Center. You donated countless hours for the kids here at DT. On a personal note, Mike was the 'go to' guy. Any time I had a question about books.

It seemed like regardless of the subject matter or the author, you knew about whatever it was I was asking. I loved his little cards (book marks) Dessie

"The vision that Mike had to create the library for the residents and staff of the Salt Lake Detention

Center was a phenomenal one! To give these kids an outlet to experience a wide range of things through reading is an incredible and loving gift. I know many kids who looked forward to discussing book topics with Mike and always looked to him as a permanent fixture here in DT. The legacy Mike has started has only begun and we will see that his sanctuary only continues to grow and touch lives. I sat in on many groups where the kids shared book reports and got excited to read! Mike not only donated time and money to our center, but sparked that light for all of us to be the best person we could be and to give back each opportunity we could." *Lonny* He will be remembered for his kindness, his generosity, his sense of humor, and his optimism.



Giving Back to the Community

Make a Difference Day 2005...

Make a Difference Day is a national day of service.

IN THE NORTHERN AREA

Jill Merritt worked with the United Way of Davis County, Davis County Aging Services, and other local non-profit and human service agencies to develop a resource sharing group. It was created to assist community helpers by providing a forum to share resources and skills as well as provide them with occasional educational opportunities. The feeling is that by working together they will be better equipped to serve clients and meet the specific needs of our programs. By meeting on a regular basis they are able to identify current community needs and resources, assist clients to find the services that best meet their individual needs, and is a great place to share news and updates on new services that are offered. An added bonus of the group is that it helps to prevent agencies from competing for the same volunteers, donations, and clients. As great things often come from humble beginnings they hope this simple project will assist the community and those who serve it for many years to

come. Also the Davis Area Youth Center staff bought fabric, sewed, purchased all the items and filled 25 busy bags for children of Katrina.

IN THE CENTRAL AREA

Maria Valerio and Lisa Schauerhamer worked with a partnership of Healthy Central City, University of Utah Hospital and Clinics, Volunteers of America and Juvenile Court, collected items to benefit folks from Katrina, University Health Care Teen Mom Program, Volunteers of America Homeless outreach programs and other community support programs. The goal was to have "Every Man Woman and Child" have what they needed for winter. October 22nd, we sorted at the Central City Recreation Center. We were able to help 6 families from Headstart, distribute 10 large bags to Volunteers of America and 12 bags went to Crossroads Urban Center's thrift store. Partners expressed an annual project.

IN THE SOUTHERN AREA

Linda Campbell coordinated a project to collect items and put together busy bags for the children in Salt Lake affected by Katrina.

They put together over 100 bags. All projects were successful.

Festival of the Trees Juvenile Justice Services style....

Juvenile Justice Services staff and youth of three facilities donated trees to the Festival of the Trees this year. Genesis Youth Center with 'Rainbow of Life,' Salt Lake Valley Detention with 'Play-The Road to Success' and Decker Lake with 'Wooden Wonderland.'



GENESIS

"After taking the youth from Genesis to The Festival of trees in 2004 for a field trip, Tracey Timothy, a counselor II, became interested in getting the youth involved.

Tracy began the project in February submitting a



John Oliver, Counselor II, Tracy Timothy, and Chris Roach, Supervisor



proposal for the materials needed. Over the past year, Tracey has involved not only the female residents in the construction but also the male residents through the Vocational program. Many co-workers and volunteers have helped in the project, as well as Jordan School District for financial help. The tree skirt is an original design that was started in February and finished the week before the Festival, it took many hours and many hands. The Display has a garden theme and is dedicated to Jennifer Baldwin, an employee of Genesis who passed away this last year in a terrible car accident."

Tracey says "The greatest experience was watching the excitement of the kids, them wanting to work on the project." She is already planning for next year.

SALT LAKE VALLEY DETENTION

Lonny Burton, Volunteer Coordinator, says "At the beginning of the year we came up with the idea for our tree. Play: The Road to Success. We see so many kids here in DT that have missed out on so many basic things that children should be exposed to. We got permission to use wooden cars from the Happy Factory, a non-profit organization that makes toy cars to donate to children in impoverished countries. A group of our LDS volunteers bring in the wooden cars, for the kids to stain," says Burton. "Our residents and staff



Lonny Burton, Volunteer Coordinator, Polly Gregson, Counselor, Tori Haggard, Counselor

made each ornament by hand. It is always fun to see these kids in Detention be so excited to be part of something that truly gives back to the community." "Our tree is dedicated to our long time director and friend, Keith Smith who died of Leukemia in September. The tree represents the components of what a child need to succeed.

Keith was always a huge advocate for the kids in our care and reminded us often that they were kids! We are thrilled to be part of a service that gives hope to so many children." Reports Burton.



DECKER LAKE

Curtis Preece, Director of Decker Lake, says "This year the facility wood shop, teachers and youth, have created and completed a beautiful wooden tree with gorgeous decorations."

"The entire tree was designed and cut out of oak and finished with a walnut stain, says Preece, The star on top was cut from maple wood and accented with a clear finish."



"Fifteen boys under the tutelage of Mark Hadnot, Woodshop and Social Studies teacher started with a pile of boards, rough and unfinished. A pattern was then drawn on butcher paper on the floor, the boards measured, marked and cut; then the sanding, shaping, drilling and staining. Next came the assembly, delivery, setup and decorating at the Festival of Trees. David Nelson, Math, Science and Computer Teacher, helped Mark deliver it to the Expo Center in Sandy. Susan Stevens, I.A. and Art Teacher, headed up the preliminary setup-wrapping boxes and tying



perfect bows with help from Mary Volker and Suki Cannon of Granite School District. Then Bonnie Shaw, English and Drama Teacher, Susan and a whole host of teddy bears, went to work decorating the tree. (Decker Lake info taken from Granite District Yes Newsletter and Curtis Preece)

EDITORS NOTE

It has been a busy nine months. This addition has highlighted a few of the great things that all of you are doing. Let me know what you would like to see in future newsletters.

Thanks

Lisa



**Happiness
is like a
butterfly.
The more you
chase it,
the more it will
elude you.
But if you turn
your attention
to other
things,
it comes softly
and sits
on your
shoulder.**



Youth and Seniors

Jenny Wright & Ted Groves
Davis Area Youth Center

The youth from Davis Area Youth Center provided a service to Davis County Aging Services last Spring. The following is the letter from their coordinator Ruth. It includes comments from the seniors that the youth served.

Dear Jenny:

We have had wonderful comments from the seniors, whose yards have been being mowed, etc. by your youth group. They are absolutely thrilled with the kids, and the job they are doing. They have shared with us what a great job the group is doing, and how wonderful the kids and supervising adults have been to work with, and how they have really gone the extra mile to make them happy and help them in anyway possible.

These seniors also wanted me to share their gratitude to you, to the supervisors, and to the youth, for providing this service. They have mentioned that they know it is not easy for the kids and leaders to spend all day out in the hot sun taking care of yards, but they wanted to convey how very grateful they are that this group is willing to do it. They have all said that yard work had become one of their biggest worries, trying to find someone to help them with it for little or no money (since they are all on very low fixed incomes), or trying to do it themselves, with several of them getting injured from falls and other mishaps while trying to do chores in their yards. Some examples of the comments we've received include:

"This group of young people and their leaders are angels sent from heaven".

"I used to cry almost everyday, when I looked at my neglected yard. Having this group come to my rescue has been such a gift to me. Thank you Thank you."

"They will never know how much their efforts mean to me. It is the hardest thing in the world, for someone who has prided themselves on being independent, to not be able to take care of your own place. I was so embarrassed for people to see my yard. Thank you to these youth and their supervisors for being willing to do this for we who can no longer do it ourselves."

"I was so embarrassed the first day the group came to work on my yard. It had been so long since anyone worked on it. There was so much to do. But they never once complained, and they couldn't have been nicer, and they couldn't have worked any harder. We are more grateful than we can express."

"The neighbors have commented on how nice my yard looks. I can't believe a group of kids would do this for an elderly person they don't even know. It helps me keep faith that there are still good people in this world."

"I feel guilty that they work so hard out in that hot sun. But bless you for doing this. I can't take care of my yard myself anymore, and that breaks my heart. And I can't afford to have someone else do it. This is like a miracle to me."

"To see these young people and their leaders work so hard, when it is hot and they are tired, and still smile about it and be so polite and kind to us older people, is amazing. No one can tell me there's no goodness in this world. Just look out the window into my yard every week and you see goodness happening right there."

From all of us at Davis County Aging Services, who work with these seniors daily, thank you so much, Jenny, to you and to everyone involved in this program. It has made an extraordinarily positive difference in the lives of these seniors.

Thanks so much,

Ruth





As we were going to press with this edition of the Correction Connection, we learned of the passing of our friend and colleague, Brian Sutton.

Brian was a valued employee, touching many lives while working for Juvenile Justice Services over the past twelve years. He was highly regarded and respected by his coworkers, as well as the countless youth he served. Brian will be remembered for “telling it like it was.”

Additionally, Brian positively impacted those with whom he worked outside the agency. Most recently, a letter from Deputy District Attorney, Narda Baes-Nordell commended Brian for his “moral support, his astute observations, and sound commentary.” She further noted, “You have a very valuable and intelligent employee in Brian Sutton. I was very impressed by him and was extremely grateful to have him by my side.”

We express our sincere condolences to his family and to those with whom he worked closely on a daily basis. Brian’s passing is a deep loss, and leaves a void in our division that will not soon be filled.



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